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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : GIEFER
Serial No : 09/600,832
Confirm. No : 2069
Filed : July 21, 2000
For : SLOT COVER...
Art Unit : 3682
Examiner : V. Luong
Dated : January 23, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION TO THE DIRECTOR UNDER 37 CFR 1.813

Applicant respectfully requests that the rules be suspended or waived in this application so that applicant can respond to an Ex parte Quayle Office action.

An Ex parte Quayle Office action was made on March 22, 2005. Applicant submitted an amendment on May 20, 2005 in response to this Office action. Applicant received an action mailed on June 7, 2005, indicating that the May 20, 2005 amendment was not entered because of new matter. Applicant petitioned the Director on June 24, 2005 to overrule the Examiner and allow the May 20 amendment to be entered.

In a Decision dated September 26, 2005, the Director indicated that parts of the June 7 action were improper. In particular the September 26 Decision indicated that portions of the May 20 amendment were not new matter, and that a requirement of the June 7, 2005 action is improper. The September 26 Decision also indicated that portions of the May 20 amendment

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